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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail demand was slow to instances moderate, but interest was more active for holiday items. Food service covered the full range with strongest movement for fast food/restaurants, catering services, and holiday related activities. Supplies were adequate to well cleared as plants prepared for reduced holiday slaughter schedules for the next couple of weeks. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. In the parts structure, demand was mostly moderate for midweek trading. Breast items were better balanced to closely cleared, often tight for tenders. Wings were mixed, but available. Thighs and boneless skinless cuts were tight, and all other dark meat items were sufficient to less available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged 76.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.75 cents last year on December 20, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	158.50
BREASTS - B/S	131.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	110.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate with most interest focused on holiday meat items. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for holiday related activities and celebrations. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to short of full trade needs as plants planned reduced schedules for next week. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat was adequate to short, closest for thighs and boneless skinless cuts. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, but tight for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were noted as in better balance and clearing satisfactorily; tenders, thighs and boneless skinless thigh meat were well cleared and held with confidence. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued generally steady with a firm market undertone. Offerings were light for the like demand. Out front inquiry, reduced slaughter scheduling, and transportation logistics for next week, along with increased processor buying were noted for increased firmness in market values. Retail demand was slow to moderate at best. Food service trade covered the light to good, best into catering, shopping centers and restaurants. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate on mixed weights. Parts trade was light on current commitments, moderate to fairly good for out front inquiry and trade. Sized boneless/skinless breast, boneless dark meat and eight-piece cut-up were clearing well. Offerings of boneless dark meat, tenders and boneless/skinless breast were light, bone-in dark lines light to moderate and wings varied. The market tone was steady to firm on boneless dark meat, tenders, bone-in and boneless/skinless breast and steady on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments mixed but overall steady on regular negotiations. Offerings were in close balance to generally adequate. Heavy weights were in the longest position. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fair to occasionally fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to cover immediate needs.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States

Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 2007. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 15, 2007 were 8.79 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 12/15/07	2007	2006	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	217,872	211,893	+03
CHICKS PLACED	179,336	172,412	+04

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-Jan-08 is estimated at 164.2 million head. This compares to 163.8 million head the previous week and to 161.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.60 cents per pound.

DEC 18

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 19

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	582	109.00-188.00	-	122.99
TENDERLOINS	156	97.00-179.00	-	109.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	85	51.00-58.00	-	53.76
LEGS	304	50.00-67.00	54-56	58.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	497	35.00-42.00	37-38	37.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	840	38.00-45.00	39-41	40.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	99.00-116.00	104-108	107.49
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	557	109.00-180.00	-	121.59
TENDERLOINS	161	99.00-175.00	-	109.06
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	67.00-98.00	72-75	74.87
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	184	52.00-67.00	54-56	55.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	562	35.00-42.00	37-38	37.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	844	38.00-46.00	39-41	40.08
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	95.00-114.00	102-108	103.78
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.00 - 50.00	45.82	44.50 - 51.00	47.81	47.19

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was mostly moderate for mid week business. Supplies of breast items were in better balance and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to instances tight. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to at least steady for breast items; fully steady to firm for tenders, drums, thighs and thigh meat.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

DEC 18 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	DEC 19 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	126.04	626,626	BREAST - B/S	125-130	126.98	527,327
TENDERLOINS	110	103.17	158,680	TENDERLOINS	110-115	106.48	77,620
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	70.75	138,920	BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	75.80	76,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.63	77,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.95	75,600
LEGS	59-60	63.96	72,680	LEGS	59-60	61.61	153,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.41	316,560	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.31	162,601
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	59.27	66,920	DRUMSTICKS	49-50	58.94	44,080
THIGHS	53-54	60.23	85,520	THIGHS	54-55	57.55	52,880
B/S THIGHS	114-115	116.09	64,800	B/S THIGHS	115-116	116.12	38,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	110.27	184,746	WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	115.33	135,414
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.53	32,000	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.72	42,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.15	7,800	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.94	7,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	58.76	51,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	58.89	34,600

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	12/19	12/18	12/17	12/14	12/12
Alabama	4,131	4,190	3,895	3,993	5.60
Arkansas	5,437	5,413	5,164	5,084	5.49
Delmarva	2,239	2,256	2,279	2,434	6.01
KY-LA-TN	2,456	2,365	2,436	2,275	5.11
Mississippi	3,034	3,026	3,088	3,092	5.82
North Carolina	2,920	2,913	2,775	3,099	7.18
Texas	2,556	2,575	2,064	2,533	5.42
Total	22,773	22,738	21,701	22,510	5.77
Mon-Wed	68,164(A)				67,369 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Dec-07 is estimated to be 34,071,000 head up 1.94 percent from a week ago and up 9.27 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,421,000, last year 31,181,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 130
	DRY PACK 108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 105
DUCKS	204-207

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/22/07 (1)	12/15/07
	----- Thousand head -----	
Class		
Broiler/fryer	175,791(2)	171,706
Light hens	1,590	1,565
Heavy hens	1,544	1,420
Total	178,925	174,691

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Dec-07 is 159.6 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 176.1 million head or 16.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Dec-07 the estimated available is 156.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12/17/07	39,526	87,555
AM 12/01/07	37,974	89,689
CHG	1,552	-2,134
PCT CHG	4	-2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/17/07	12/10/07	12/18/06	12/17/07	12/10/07	12/18/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	3,158	4,021	1,586	8,032	8,332	8,727
LOS						
ANGELES	104	92	207	1,476	1,278	2,433

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2007

RANGE

HENS	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	73-81
	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)	71-94

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 12/18/07

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.15	.40	.24	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.40	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.25	1.68	RABBITS ea.	7.00	10.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	3.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	198					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 14, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	66.35	151.17	100.78	16.80	8.40	65.09
High	74.74	159.57	109.18	21.00	16.80	65.09
Mostly	66.35	151.17	104.98	16.80	12.60	65.09
SAN JUAN						
Low	65.09	146.97	96.58	12.60	8.40	62.99
High	74.32	163.77	109.18	16.80	12.60	62.99
Mostly	67.19	155.37	100.78	16.80	10.50	62.99
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	67.19	155.37	104.98	16.80	12.60	67.19
High	76.42	163.77	113.38	21.00	16.80	67.19
Mostly	67.19	159.57	104.98	16.80	12.60	67.19
BECERRA						
Low	69.29	159.57	109.18	16.80	12.60	67.19
High	77.68	167.96	117.58	21.00	16.80	67.19
Mostly	69.29	163.77	109.18	21.00	12.60	67.19

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally moderate to good and sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in manageable balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent higher at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were in the tightest position. Wings were noted as at least adequate and most dark meat items were adequate to tight.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

64-87
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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